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**REBUTTED PRESUMPTION OF PATENTABLE INDISTINCTNESS**

The present application is the parent of U.S. application no. 10/984,450, which is a continuation of and has a filing date that is the same as that of the present application, taking into account 35 U.S.C. Section 120; names at least one inventor in common with the present application; is owned by the same person as that of the present application; and has substantial overlapping disclosure with the present application.

It is believed that the present application contains only claims that are patentably distinct from those presently claimed in U.S. application no. 10/984,450, because the present application claims only patches and U.S. application no. 10/984,450 claims only methods for controlling the flux of penetrants across an adaptable semi-porous barrier and for increasing the flux of a penetrant across the skin or mucosa of a human or animal.

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